

SAMUEL M. DAY AND MILES DAY ARE THEY ONE AND THE SAME?

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THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION...

There seems to be some confusion concerning Samuel M. Day and his alleged brother Miles Day. They could be one and the same man. They were born close to the same year and Miles has a place in the 1840 census with Samuel but since we are guessing as to the identity of the children in the 1840 census, then we could be wrong.

1840 Federal Census age 5

Pendleton County, Virginia, United States

DAY, Leonard

free white males 4 & under [George age 3]; 4 & under [Miles age 4??]; 4 & under [Samuel age 5]; 5-9 [Aaron age 7]; 10-14 [Joshua age 11]; 15-19 [Isaac age 13]; 15-19 [Sampson age 15]; 15-19 [Solomon age 17]; 30-39 [Leonard age 40]
free white females 5-9 [Mary age 9]; 30-39 [Rachel age 40]

Even though we had a place for Samuel and Miles in the above census we could have missed another son who died before the 1850 census. So, don't think Samuel and Miles are two different people according to my above notes.

Samuel M. Day is listed in the 1850 census age 15 living with his parents but Miles is absent from that census. Miles should be age 14...too young to be out on his own.

1850 Federal Census age 15

Allegheny Mountain, North Fork and Reeds Creek, Pendleton County, Virginia, United States

DAY, Leonard w m 49; Rachael w f 50; Joshua w m 20; Mary w f 19; Aaron w m 17; Samuel M. w m 15; George W. w m 13; Eliza w f 9; Benjamin w m 7

Samuel M. Day is listed in the 1860 census age 25 living with his parents but Miles is also absent from that census.

1860 Federal Census age 25

Harpers Mill Post Office, Pendleton County, Virginia, United States

DAY, Leonard w m 60; Rachl w f 60; Saml M. w m 25; Eliza w f 19; Benjn P. w m 16

Granted, Miles could have been out on his own by the 1860 census but checking for a Miles Day in the 1860 census of Pendleton or Randolph County provided no results.

SAMUEL M. DAY'S ALLEGED DEATH...

Some on the Internet claim Samuel M. Day died in 1865 at Salisbury Prison, Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina and others claim he died on the 8th of August 1897 in Humboldt, Humboldt County, Iowa while others claim he died in 1865 in Warwickshire, England.

Some state he married a Caroline (**RICHARDSON**) 1841-1916 and is buried in the Union Cemetery, Humboldt, Humboldt County, Iowa see [Find A Grave Memorial# 33621664](#).

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One fact that is obvious, Samuel disappears after the 1860 census; leading me to believe he enlisted in the Civil War.

Looking for the Samuel M. Day that married Caroline (**RICHARDSON**) from the above FAG information I could not find a marriage record. In the FAG Memorial they state they had a son; Charles Henry Day born 1859, which eliminates this Samuel M. Day as our subject since **OUR** Samuel M. Day was still living with his parents in the 1860 census.

Therefore, we can eliminate the death date of the 8th of August 1897 in Humboldt, Humboldt County, Iowa. This leaves us with the death of 1865 in Warwickshire, England and 1865 Salisbury Prison, Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina.

Checking FAG for Samuel Day in Rowan County, North Carolina produced no results. Checking FAG under Salisbury National Cemetery produced no results. Checking the www.Interment.net Website looking for Day burials produced no results. Even looking for Samuel Day in Virginia and West Virginia on FAG produced no results. Therefore, we cannot substantiate his burial in North Carolina or in one of the Virginia states.

SAMUEL M. DAY'S WAR RECORD...

Consequently, it appears Samuel M. Day disappears after the 1860 census and without a war record we cannot determine when he enlisted and what was his disposition.

Checking www.ancestry.com for a Samuel Day participating in the Civil War I found the following...

[1] Samuel Day in the U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: Samuel Day Side: **Confederate** Regiment State/Origin: **Virginia** Regiment Name: 12 Virginia Cavalry Regiment Name Expanded: 12th Regiment, Virginia Cavalry **Company: D** Rank In: Private Rank In Expanded: Private Rank Out: Private Rank Out Expanded: Private Film Number: M382 roll 15

[2] Samuel Day in the U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: Samuel Day Side: **Confederate** Regiment State/Origin: **Virginia** Regiment Name: 146 Va Militia Regiment Name Expanded: 146th Regiment, Virginia Militia **Company: K** Rank In: Private Rank In Expanded: Private Rank Out: Private Rank Out Expanded: Private Film Number: M382 roll 15

[3] Samuel M. Day in the U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: Samuel M. Day Side: **Confederate** Regiment State/Origin: **Virginia** Regiment Name: 49 Virginia Infantry Regiment Name Expanded: 49th Regiment, Virginia Infantry **Company: D** Rank In: Private Rank In Expanded: Private Rank Out: Private Rank Out Expanded: Private Film Number: M382 roll 15

[4] Samuel M. Day in the U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: Samuel M. Day Side: **Confederate** Regiment State/Origin: **Virginia** Regiment Name: 4 Virginia Infantry Regiment Name Expanded: 4th Regiment, Virginia Infantry

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If you notice all four of these Samuel's were from Virginia and they were all confederates. Which leads me to ask, if **OUR** Samuel M. Day died in a confederate Prison in Salisbury in 1865, why was he in a Confederate Prison? Unless, he worked there.

Without see these four men's war records and collaborating evidence, we cannot be sure if one of these men is our Samuel M. Day.

CONCERNING MILES DAY...

As stated before, Miles does not show up in the 1850 or 1860 census records. And he should still be living with his parents. Some on the Internet believe he married 1st Bridget (_____) date unknown and 2nd Annie (**BLAND**) on 17 September 1877 Keyser, Mineral County, West Virginia.

They also believe Miles is the one who died in 1865 at Salisbury Prison, Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina and/or he died in 1865 in Warwickshire, England.

Using the same criteria as we did for Samuel, looking for Miles Day on FAG, we found one listed at Find A Grave Memorial# 142794827.

This memorial shows him as the spouse of Anna (**BLAND**), however, since the author of the memorial did not list a photo of the headstone, or knew his birth date or death date leads me to suspect they were guessing as to his burial information and location.

What I found was **David Miles Day** born April 1853 in Pendleton County, Virginia son of Aaron H. and Sarah "Sallie" (**PHARES**) Day **NOT** the son of Leonard and Rachel (**HARMON**) Day married 1st Anna "Annie" Catherine (**BLAND**) daughter of George Washington and Margaret (**SKIDMORE**) Bland in 1877 as stated above. This man is the one listed in the Find A Grave Memorial# 142794827.

David Miles Day died after the 1920 census and before the 1930 census. His second or third wife; Mary Jane (**PENNINGTON**) Day died in 1945. Mary's death certificate states she is the daughter of _____ Pennington and Nancy (**CONRAD**).

However, many on the Internet think she is the daughter of Reuben H. and Martha E. (**PENNINGTON**) Pennington, which is in error. Reuben's daughter; Mary Jane (**PENNINGTON**) married a _____ Hedrick and she is listed as a widow living with her parents in the 1910 census.

Our Mary Jane (**PENNINGTON**) married David Miles Day in 1904 and she is living with him in the 1910 census.

At this point, what we have discovered about Miles Day who allegedly was born 1836 and supposedly is the son of Leonard and Rachel (**HARMON**) Day...from the time of his birth there is NO record of him.

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He is not listed in the 1850 or 1860 census and some on the Internet believe **HE** is the one who died in 1865 at Salisbury Prison, Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina or he died in 1865 in Warwickshire, England during the civil war.

Checking the www.ancestry.com website for a Miles Day as a participant in the civil war provided no results. Looking for a marriage of a Miles Day provided no results.

Checking Census records after 1860 provided no results. It appears Miles Day was **NOT** a son of Leonard and Rachel (**HARMON**) Day and I think Samuel's middle name was Miles and we have created two individuals where only one exists.

Therefore, according to my research with the sources I have as of this date, I am reasonably convinced Samuel M. Day and Miles Day is one and the same person. My records are going to reflect this conclusion.

Further research needs to be into those 4 Samuel Day civil war records and newspaper articles in the Pendleton County, Virginia now West Virginia area especially near Harpers Mill circa 1865, where Samuel's father: Leonard Day was living in the 1860 census.

Until someone can refute my conclusions, I don't think there ever was a Miles Day, since he cannot be substantiated in **ANY** census, document, and/or descendant research.

I believe because several men used the name of Miles, many jumped to the conclusion he was a son of Leonard and Rachel's and posted him without doing any real research.

A headstone or newspaper article verifying his family ties to Leonard and Rachel is about the only way this can be positively resolved. Otherwise, my records are going to show Samuel Miles Day.

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